

BOV acts on appointments, salary increase

April 12, 1971

Personnel and salary matters at Mary Washington College were the main focus of action by the University of Virginia Board of Visitors at its meeting here Saturday, April 3.

Among the recommendations presented to the Board by Chancellor Simpson were the appointment of two new departmental chairmen and one acting chairman, the reappointment of six others, and the promotion of six members of the faculty.

In addition the Board approved the appointments of four faculty members to the office of dean of the college as academic advisory counselors, approved the appointments of two new faculty members for the 1971-72 academic year, granted leaves of absence to five members of the faculty, and approved an increase in faculty salaries at MWC effective August 30, 1971.

Named as new department heads were L. Clyde Carter Jr., department of sociology; and Bernard L. Mahoney Jr., department of chemistry.

Named acting chairman of the department of philosophy for the 1971-72 academic year was Kurt F. Leidecker, professor of philosophy. He will serve in the absence of George M. Van Sant, who has been granted a one-year leave of absence to do post-doctoral research at Cambridge University in England.

Departmental chairmen reappointed by the Board this year were Bulent I. Atalay, department of physics; Hobart C. Carter, department of mathematics; Miriam J. Greenberg, department of health, physical education and recreation; Pauline G. King, de-

partment of art; George E. Luntz, department of music; and Paul C. Slayton Jr., department of education.

Named to serve as academic advisory counselors in the office of the dean were Michael L. Bass, instructor in biology; F. Linda di Florio, instructor in modern foreign languages; Susan J. Hanna, assistant professor of English; and Rebecca T. Woosley, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation. These counselors will continue to teach on a half-time basis and will aid Assistant Dean of the College for Academic Counseling Nancy H. Mitchell in administering the new student academic advisory program. One additional counselor will be named in the near future.

Upon recommendations by the Chancellor, the Board approved the following promotions: John M. Albertine, from instructor to assistant professor of economics and political science; James E. Baker,

assistant professor to associate professor of music; Victor Fingerhut, assistant professor to associate professor of economics and political science; Mary Jo Parrish, associate professor to professor of biology; Mary J. H. Taylor, instructor to assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation; and Robert B. Jessen, assistant professor to associate professor of sociology.

Also at the Apr. 3 meeting, the Board accepted two recommendations from Chancellor Simpson involving the faculty pay scale.

The Board's action set a \$100 annual increase for all members of the faculty and established a change in the existing scale by adding a step to the top of each of the five academic ranks. This will give assistant instructors, and assistant professors normal merit increases of \$300 plus the \$100 overall raise, and associate professors and professors \$400 merit increments plus the \$100 overall payment.

Fickett to seek House seat

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Lewis P. Fickett

Dr. Lewis P. Fickett Jr., professor and chairman of the department of economics and political science at Mary Washington College, last week announced his candidacy for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates from the 24th Legislative District.

Fickett said he will enter the June 3 Democratic primary race in the newly-formed district, which includes Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, Hanover, and Stafford. There is a possibility that he will be opposing incumbent Republican Del. Benjamin H. Woodbridge in the fall, should Woodbridge seek re-election.

In announcing his candidacy, Fickett stated that he had decided to run because he believes that the local area needs to be more effectively represented in Richmond. "In a Democratic state like Virginia where our party has control of the House of Delegates it is obvious that only a hard-working Democrat can adequately represent his constituents. I think the experience of the last two years has made this fact abundantly clear."

He also noted that he has always felt that "active participation in the political process is one of the highest forms of patriotism. As an educator I try to instill this belief in my students. As a citizen I have always practiced this belief"

Fickett, a veteran of World War II and presently a commander in the Navy Reserve, holds a B.A. with highest honors from Bowdoin College, an L.L.B. from Harvard Law School, and a Ph.D. from Harvard

University. He has served in the U.S. Foreign Service, holding posts in Germany, Algeria, and the Thailand Affairs and German Affairs desks in Washington, D.C. He became a member of the Fredericksburg Democratic Committee in 1967 and its chairman in 1969. He has taken part in campaign activities of U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr., George C. Rawlings Jr., State Sen. Henry Howell, William B. Battle, Lt. Gov. J. Sargent Reynolds, and Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller.

Seacobeck investigation submitted

The Ad-Hoc Dining Hall Committee report, which gained Chancellor Simpson's final approval Mar. 24, was formally presented to the College last Friday.

The report, which is the result of a student-administration study of the dining hall operation, yielded a survey of methods of offering students the best possible service under the present system, and explored the "possibility of . . . an alternative to the present payment of a flat board fee."

After its first meeting in December, the committee evaluated a student poll on the dining hall conducted earlier this year, discussed proposals for improvement of food services, and considered the financial factors of a meal ticket plan.

The committee has addressed itself to student complaints about the dining hall and has sought some improvement of its services. Mary Clinelli, student member of the committee, cited some improvements which she thinks have appeared already, such as "greater variety in the choice of foods." She said that 80 per cent of the poll's suggestions for better meals and service "have already been adopted."

Committee chairman Bruce Fink feels his committee "has made strides in the right direction," although he contends that the group's effectiveness "is not as good as it should be." One committee

member stated that student interest on the committee, though strong, is sometimes hampered by poor administrative attendance due to conflicting meetings, but asserted that communication and cooperation between the two groups is generally good.

Pal Robison, food director and committee member, admitted that the dining hall is handicapped by outdated kitchen equipment and lack of sufficient and effective labor, but added, "We're working on what we can do."

MWC Comptroller Edward Allison is presently studying the feasibility of a meal ticket plan, which, he feels, may be more expensive for students in the long run. Currently students pay an average of 60¢ a meal (based on 1967-70 figures) each day, "and that's pretty cheap," says Evelyn Cox, secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee. Basically, the production cost per meal is 73¢ but with 77.9 per cent of the students attending meals during the week there is automatic compensation for the loss.

Robison said that the committee must investigate the meal ticket plan further, but added, "We haven't gotten to that bridge yet." A final decision on an alternate plan rests, he said, both upon financial feasibility and acceptance by "a majority of students."

Senators receive Convocation plans

The MWC Senate met last Tuesday night and received a finalized schedule of events for Spring Convocation, to be held this Thursday.

Senator Debbie Mandelker presented the schedule for the day's events, which will begin at 2:45 p.m. with a film by Mary Anne Burns to be shown in Monroe 21. Following the film, ten small discussion groups will form, each headed by a faculty member and a student. Topics of discussion will be the film, the Honor System, co-education, social activities on campus, the class structure, reforming and revising classroom atmosphere, freshman separation and isolation, and the psychological atmosphere of the campus. Convocation will take place in the amphitheatre from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., followed by a coffee house on ACL Terrace at 8:30 p.m.

At last week's meeting Senators and their constituents chose "The Changing Male and Female Roles in the United States" as the topic of discussion for anthropologist Margaret Mead, who will visit MWC Thursday, Apr. 29 and Friday, Apr. 30. Dr. Mead will also meet informally with students and faculty members during the day and will attend various classroom sessions.

Senator Kathy Marilla, member of the Student-Faculty Committee on Instruction and Academic Affairs, again proposed a Senate resolution regarding self-scheduled exams. All constituents are asked to approve or disapprove the resolution, which will be posted in each district. The question of self-scheduled exams will be presented at the faculty meeting this Wednesday; if passed, Marilla said, self-scheduling may go into effect for this year's exam period.

BULLET cited for all-around excellence

The MWC BULLET has been cited by the Seventh Annual Southeastern College Newspaper Competition (SCNC) for three awards, among them a first place for all-around excellence in a college publication.

The SCNC, which is sponsored by Hollins College, is open to both daily and weekly college newspapers in the six-state area of the Southeast.

The BULLET won the Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER Award for all-around excellence, received an honorable mention for the Charleston (W. Va.) GAZETTE and SUNDAY GAZETTE-MAIL Award for feature writing, and also received an honorable mention for the Norfolk VIRGINIAN-PILOT & LEDGER STAR Award for best editorial page.

The staff submitted three consecutive issues of the newspaper for each individual contest. Included in the three issues submitted for the NEWS & OBSERVER Award and the GAZETTE and SUNDAY GAZETTE-MAIL Award was the issue of December 10, which has recently come under fire from parents and State legislators as being an example of pornography and "irresponsible journalism."

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Promises, promises

President Nixon's address on the Vietnam war which he delivered to the nation last Wednesday night may have seemed encouraging enough on the surface, but it should fool nobody into thinking that America's part in the war is anywhere near over. It may have sounded reassuring at first, but it has left us more frustrated than ever as we helplessly watch the war drag on and on.

Nixon's speech began with a relatively heartening note — his planned withdrawal of 100,000 more American troops between May 1 and December 1 — and then degenerated into a contradiction which left everything just about the way it was before the speech had been given.

"The American involvement in Vietnam is coming to an end," Nixon said. "The day the South Vietnamese can take over their own defense is in sight. Our goal is a total American withdrawal from Vietnam. We can and we will reach that goal through the process of Vietnamization." Moments later, however, he added that "If our goal is a total withdrawal of all our forces why not announce a date now for ending our involvement? The difficulty making such an announcement to the American people is that I would also be making that announcement to the enemy."

So Nixon has made his promise but will not tell us when he is planning to fulfill it. And from the looks of things it may be very far away indeed.

Presumably, the date of our final withdrawal from Vietnam rests upon the success of Vietnamization. This is not a very heartening thought. It is extremely doubtful whether Vietnamization has really succeeded, as evidenced by the Laotian campaign. Certainly South Vietnamese forces can never hope to equal the American contribution of men, money, or arms. It could take years for the ARVN to reach a level of competence which our government deems satisfactory enough to allow our troops to withdraw.

Nixon is obviously aware that this war is becoming more and more intolerable to many Americans, and his speech contained several subtle attempts to mold his listeners into what would be, for him, a more agreeable form of opinion. Phrases such as, "If the United States should announce that we will quit regardless of what the enemy does . . ." were obviously intended to provoke a righteously indignant response to the word "quit," and, therefore renew our determination not to quit. His assertion that "America's sense of responsibility remains the world's greatest single hope for peace" is just more empty rhetoric, one more attempt to reassure us of the innate superiority of and, therefore, infallibility of the United States. Worst of all, his account of the situation which, as he put it, he "found" upon taking office is an attempt to absolve the Republican party of any part in the war and tacitly places all blame on the shoulders of Democratic administrations. In so doing Nixon was not "laying all the pertinent facts before (us)" but playing politics at a time when he should have been telling us when we are going to get out.

Sooner or later, the United States is going to lose this war. There is no longer a question of victory; all that remains to be determined is when we will pull out. We must do it sooner or later. There is no reason why American troops must continue to be killed and wounded while this nation continues to play a foolish and deadly waiting game.

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Another type of abortion

by philo funk

The "in loco parentis" concept which defines the student-university relationship at MWC and at most other educational institutions severely limits a student's constitutional and civil rights. Especially in regard to the school's court system, the concept which enables university officials to act as parents turned judges-in-residence is a denial of civil liberties which could never be accorded our non-college peers.

The student must daily follow a university-prescribed code of conduct which is both ridiculously transient and yet rigidly inflexible. For breaking the code, he faces student courts which are often under the dominating and all-pervasive guidance of administrative officials. A recent judicial court case at MWC ended with the dorm judicial chairman apologizing to the defendant for a penalty which even she considered "too harsh" for the offense committed, but "administrative 'pressure'" on the case could not be ignored, she said. Deliberation of the trial was rushed because, as the judicial chairman stated, these same officials were anxiously "hanging over" the progress of the trial. Cries of prejudice, unfair procedure, or a pressured court go unanswered at MWC's only appellate body, the Campus Review Court. As Sue Cottingham, campus judicial chairman, said, "We can only consider cases that involve penalties the student feels to be too harsh, not cases where illegal procedure has been practiced."

When a student enrolls in an institution of higher education, he does not have to forfeit his constitutional rights. Due process and trial

by a fair and impartial court should still be maintained. It is difficult for a student here to determine whether a punishment levied on her is unjust. She is not only unaware of the crime-and-punishment world of the judiciary, but will find acceptance of the menial punishment easier than another delay and another deliberation. An instance where a student is powerless if not ignorant is in the case of "double jeopardy." This is a truly remarkable abortion of justice in which a student has the select privilege of receiving punishments from both his university and from a civil court.

Most progressive educators have turned to the written formulation of clear and precise rules accompanied by a written list of possible punishments to help a student know the approximate severity of her crime. A Federal court recently overturned suspension verdicts on William and Mary students because the no-visitation rule which they were charged with breaking did not define the possible penalties for the violation.

A court system independent and distinct from administrative pressure is essential for the students' autonomy and strength. When an elected student judicial official at MWC claims she was "pressured" in conducting a trial, our judiciary system must need drastic revamping. A separation of administrative and judicial powers would be a beginning. Illegal procedure is a valid complaint; and as there is no recourse for such a civil violation at present, one should be considered.

feedback

Accomplishment to be praised, not ridiculed

To the Editor:

A long time in the making, the new social regulations have finally been approved. As a result, there are looks of excited anticipation on many students' faces. Unfortunately, most of these people know only that the new regulations have been approved; they do not know why, though, or how.

The new social regulations are being implemented primarily to give the individual student more freedom. They also serve a more meaningful purpose. It is hoped that the implementation of these new freedoms will reflect the students' collective desire, and ability to propose, define, and enforce regulations appropriate to the campus situation. Each student must keep in mind the very important point that along with the right comes the responsibility to govern ourselves intelligently.

Several times during the past week I have had occasion to overhear much criticism concerning the new regulations, and the most recent BULLET editorial is particularly annoying. It is amazing how little you seem to know. Do you realize that since December Linda Royster, who originated the social changes, and six others — Sue Cottingham, Mimi Hearne, Gwynne MacIntyre, Marilyn Morgan, Paddy Link, and Dory Teipel — have been meeting with Chancellor Simpson and Deans Drost and Houston (sic) for hours every week to work out these rules? To consider their efforts "disgusting and absurd" is highly insulting to each of these individuals. What they have accomplished is to be praised, not ridiculed. A very radical change in student life in this campus, such as these new regulations represent, has not been seen at Mary Washington in years.

As to any compromise (i.e., leaving dorms after hours), little has been made. Those that did come about have sound security reasons backing them, and are not tricks on the administration's part. I have gotten the impression that the administration was sympathetic and receptive in hearing out the committee's ideas. As one member put it — "They knew changes had to come."

In conclusion I would like to personally thank Linda and her committee on the fine job

they have done. These seven students have proven that the administration and students can come together to produce meaningful change at Mary Washington.

Laurel Corner, '74

Unwanted pregnancy: an alternate solution

To the Editor:

In light of recent publicity about the increasing number of abortions, and growing concern over the emotional and other possible side effects, the Board of Directors of the Florence Crittenton Home of Lynchburg feels that pregnant unwed girls should be made aware that there is an alternate solution to their problem.

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Sincerely yours,

Beatrice J. Hehl
President, Board of Directors

news in Brief

Results of **BATTLEFIELD** staff elections for the 1971-72 session are: Betsy Smith, editor-in-chief; Mary McFadyen, business manager; and Barbara Reynolds, assistant editor.

Last Wednesday the **Physical Therapy Club** received a citation for its work on the "Shamrock for Dystrophy" campaign. The drive, which was held March 11, 12, and 13, grossed more than \$300.

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There will be a **Sadie Hawkins** mixer this Friday, Apr. 16 from 9 p.m. to midnight on ACL Terrace. All students are invited to attend.

Frederico Fellini's "8 1/2" will be the campus film this Saturday, Apr. 17 at 8 p.m. in G. W. Auditorium.

The **MWC drama department** will present a **Chamber Theatre** production of Samuel Beckett's "Endgame" Sunday, Apr. 18 in the Art Library.

Drive ends tomorrow

The Social Affairs Committee will conclude its "Send a Mouse to College" project for the American Cancer Society tomorrow. The funds drive on campus was especially concentrated last week, since April has been designated American Cancer Society Month.

The committee will turn over all contributions to the local unit of the Society. The unit provides beds, wheelchairs, cancer dressings and free transportation for patients to and from clinics.

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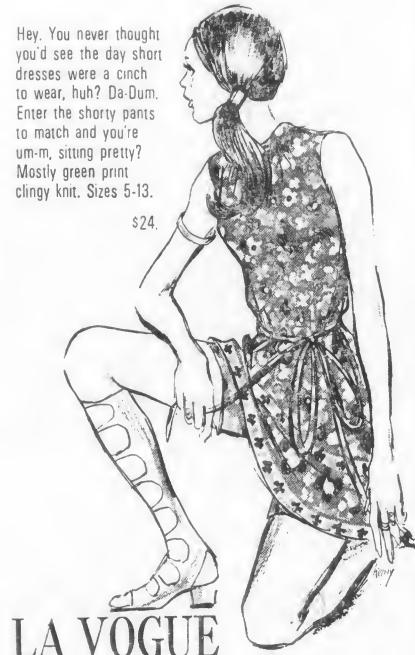
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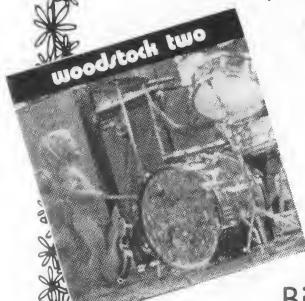
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